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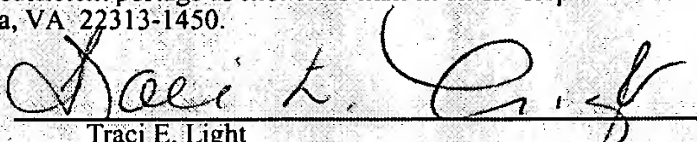
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Amendment To The Claims: begin on page two of this paper.

Amendment To The Specification: begin on page four of this paper.

Proposed Changes To The Drawings: are attached to this paper.